Inception of Special Test Examination.

24. MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKER (*Thiruvalla II—General*): Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government are aware that the inception of this examination and the manner in which the same is being conducted have defeated the very object for which it is intended?

HON'BLE MR. A. J. JOHN: No.

Special Test Examination.

25. MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKER: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any separate examination as this is instituted for Secretariat staff besides the Account Test Examination common to all departments?

HON'BLE MR. A. J. JOHN: No.

Nationalisation of salt industry.

26. MR. S. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Trivandrum I—General*): Will the Hon'ble Minister for Excise be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the question of nationalisation of salt industry has engaged the attention of the present Government; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, what action has the Government taken in the matter?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(b) In view of the heavy financial commitment to be undertaken by Government for giving effect to nationalisation, details of the scheme are being investigated. The question is under the serious consideration of Government.

Mineral Sand.

27. MR. S. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Mining and Geology be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the question of revising the terms of agreement or licenses regarding the exploitation and transport of mineral sand in the State has engaged the attention of this present Government; and

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the action taken so far in the matter?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is being considered by Government.

Nationalisation of Banking.

28. MR. S. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Industries be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have any idea or intention of nationalisation of Banks in the State; and

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, in what time do he Government propose to do it?

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